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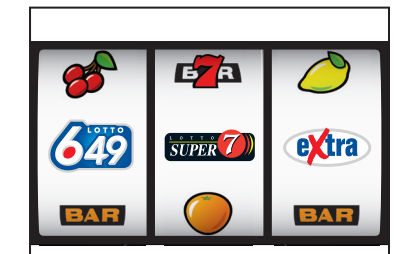

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Calgarians mixed about this cowboy

SPEECH Those lucky enough to be part of the elite 1,500 who purchased an invitation-only $400 seat to hear George W. Bush's speech in Calgary yesterday thought the former president spoke honestly and from the heart.

While Bush kicked off his unofficial image rehabilitation tour inside the Telus Convention Centre, about 300 protesters gathered outside with signs and chants. Some tried to intimidate the speech-goers waiting in line by chanting, "You should be ashamed."

Police arrested four protesters at the event for various charges, including violations of a public behaviour bylaw and breaching the peace. Though the protest was rowdy, the impassioned crowd was generally peaceful in nature.

REUTERS

JENNIFER HILLIKER /FOR METRO CANADA

Riding the **Recession**

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

Entertainment

- **The effect the economy is having on music venues and touring artists, pg 22**

Tomorrow

- **Tips for brown-bagging lunches and local meals for a steal.**

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Fashion **Perfect fit**

RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cassie Campbell, former Team Canada women's hockey captain, gets fitted yesterday by designer Pam Chorley for the Heart Truth fashion show in Toronto. Campbell was one of many celebrities modelling a red dress in support of women's heart health at the second annual fashion show, held last night as part of Toronto Fashion Week.

Whitecaps in MLS?

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Vancouver has scored a Major League Soccer franchise, the Whitecaps are expected to announce today.

A press release yesterday afternoon stated Premier Gordon Campbell would be joining representatives of the Whitecaps for an "important announcement that will generate new economic activity in tourism and sport in the Lower Mainland."

In October, the Whitecaps FC, champions of the first division United Soccer Leagues, applied for one of two MLS expansion franchises for the 2011 season.

The bid group included Whitecaps owner Greg Kerfoot, former Yahoo president Jeff Mallett and two-time NBA most valuable player Steve Nash.

Six other cities, including Montreal and Ottawa, applied for the expansion franchises. As of yesterday, however, only Vancouver, Ottawa, Portland and St. Louis remained in the running.

The franchises were to be announced before the start of the 2009 MLS season, which begins tomorrow with the expansion Seattle Sounders taking on the New York Red Bulls.

The Sounders, a former USL rival of the 'Caps, were granted their expansion team in 2007. The team has more than 20,000 season ticket holders, the most in the MLS.

Toronto FC, which kicked off in 2006, capped its season tickets at 19,000 and has 13,000 people on the season ticket waiting list.

Last year, the Whitecaps and the province said that the team would move from Swangard Stadium in 2011 to play in a renovated B.C. Place Stadium, which will have a new retractable roof after the 2010 Olympics.

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Actress suffers serious head trauma

SKIING Actress Natasha Richardson suffered a serious head injury that may have left her brain dead after falling while skiing in Quebec.

Richardson, who is married to actor Liam Neeson, has been flown to New York after being treated in Montreal. Neeson, who was in Toronto filming the movie Chloe, reportedly also flew home to be with his wife.

The 45-year-old star of Maid In Manhattan and The Handmaid's Tale apparently fell on a beginner's hill while taking a lesson. She appeared fine at first but became ill later. The extent of her injuries is unknown, with some media reporting the actress is brain dead, others reporting she has swelling of the brain.

GETTY IMAGES

Natasha Richardson

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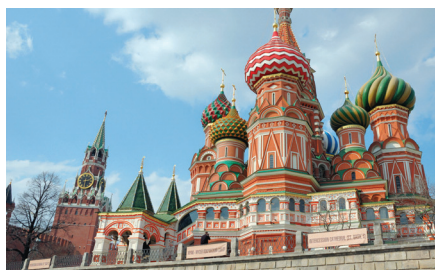

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U.S. says Canadian whale-watchers getting too close
Washington State officials say Canadian whale-watching charters that use inflatable boats are getting too close to the endangered orcas in U.S. waters. Last year, Washington made it illegal for boaters to bother the whales by getting close to the pods. **NEWS1130.COM**

Local

No-hunting lands increased

The province established additional no-hunting areas yesterday. The announcement, which increases the total area on the coast closed to grizzly hunting to 1.9 million hectares, came after First Nations and environmental groups urged the government to end trophy hunting in the Great Bear Rainforest. Of the 430 grizzly bears killed in B.C. in 2007, trophy hunters killed 87 per cent of them. METRO VANCOUVER

Law bans dangerous exotic pets

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B.C. is banning potentially dangerous exotic pets two years after a woman in the Cariboo was mauled and killed by a caged tiger in full view of her children.

Tania Dumstrey-Soos, 32, of Bridge Lake, B.C., died in May 2007 when a caged tiger reached through the bars of its cage and severed an artery in the back of her leg.

The animal was one of several tigers and lions that her fiancé kept for display on their property.

"(The death) was completely needless and unnecessary," said Barry Penner, B.C.'s environment minister. "And it really did bring public attention that we need to take steps here in British Columbia."

The new Controlled Alien Species Regulation, which came into effect on Monday, lists a number of species, like tigers, alligators and pythons, that people are prohibited from owning.

"There are many examples of people being seriously injured or killed in North America by wild animals that are not native to this continent."

Owners of animals that were in B.C. prior to Monday must apply for a permit to keep their pets. The animals cannot be bred, nor released.

Slippery stars

• The new rules will also affect B.C.'s film industry. Every exotic animal used in filming must have a permit, and those animals must be removed from the province when filming is completed.

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Vancouver Aquarium's Darren Smy holds a female boa constrictor named Pisco at the aquarium during a press conference in which the government announced it was banning potentially dangerous exotic pets.

City woman dead in Mexico crash

TOUR BUS A Vancouver woman was among 11 people killed when a drunk truck driver reportedly fell asleep at the wheel and drove head-on into a bus on a sightseeing journey in northern Mexico.

Marilyn Jackson, 67, of Vancouver is one of three Canadians killed in the crash. The other two are from Ontario and Quebec.

The Mexican driver of the bus, which was carrying 23 mostly elderly tourists from Canada and the Unites States, was also killed. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

TASER City police Tasered a man in a struggle at a Granville Street hotel yesterday. Police tried talking to him, but a scuffle ensued, and an officer was injured. The man was Tasered and safely taken into custody.

MARIJUANA Twelve people were charged after police broke up an alleged dial-a-dope ring and confiscated six kilograms of pot. RCMP say the group operated as The Internet Compassion Association.

BORDER A B.C. man was accused of stealing American jobs by a U.S. border guard and barred from entering the country, CBC News Online reports. Joel Borsteinas was on his way to a trade show in Oregon to take Canadian orders for U.S. products. METRO NEWS SERVICES

B.C. to pour $172M into construction of housing

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The province will spend $172 million to fund the construction of six social-housing developments on city sites in Vancouver, B.C.'s premier announced yesterday.

It will result in 569 new units for people at risk of homelessness and will create an estimated 1,100 construction jobs in the city.

"We have people who want to go to work," said Premier Gordon Campbell. "And we have every intention of trying to do the kinds of investments that are necessary to put people to work."

The announcement was part of a larger $793-million investment across the province, funding 113 new infrastructure projects, including new schools, school renovations and improvements to correctional facilities. Campbell said the projects would create 4,800 jobs.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the new social housing units are "critical" to getting people off the street.

Eight additional city-owned sites are being "fast tracked" through city hall and Robertson said he's hopeful those developments will be announced soon.

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Pre-sale condo prices cut by 22%

DOMINIQUE ARMAND
for Metro Vancouver

A developer in Yaletown is offering buyers discounts of at least 22 per cent, including on condos already sold.

The Beasley, a 33-storey, 221-unit condominium by Amacon, is currently 65 per cent sold.

Cameron McNeil, president of MAC, the firm marketing the development at Homer and Smith streets, said the initiative called "Pass It On Campaign" came about after months of exploring reduced construction costs.

"We are in a very different market than a year ago," McNeil said. "When we negotiated our construction cost and realized the savings we made we were happy to pass on those savings to our purchasers."

An artist's rendering of The Beasley condo development in Yaletown.

Tsur Somerville, a professor of real estate finance at the University of B.C.'s Sauder School of Business, said there are usually two reasons why developers give discounts to pre-sale buyers.

"One is not to piss people off," he said. "If you bought a unit pre-sale and they're now selling (comparable units) for a lower price (the developer) will have an issue with the people already there."

Somerville said that when pre-sale buyers "have found a way to walk away from their contracts" developers also have reason to offer incentives.

The Beasley is expected to be completed July 2012. Outstanding inventory will be available on April 4 with units starting at $219,900.

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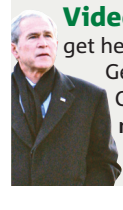

Video Dual protests get heated during George W. Bush's Calgary visit at **metronews.ca/canada**

Flames move to relocate Abbotsford team
The Calgary Flames made an application yesterday to move their American Hockey League affiliate to Abbotsford from Quad Cities, Ill. If approved, the team would begin playing in the fall. METRO VANCOUVER

Activists urging education on gay violence

DOMINIQUE ARMAND
for Metro Vancouver

Vancouver urgently needs to implement a "bash line" and appoint a social worker to help victims and educate the community

about gay violence, local activists said yesterday.

A 62-year-old father of two is still in a coma after being sucker-punched at the Fountainhead Pub on Davie Street. Witnesses say the attacker used anti-gay slurs as his victim lay on the ground.

Ron Strip, co-founder of Westenders Against Violence Everywhere, said his group has repeatedly asked police for an increased presence in the area.

"We want our community to be safe, to feel like this is their home and walk down the street holding hands if we want to," Strip said. "Right now, we don't feel any safety in this community after several gay-bashing incidents in the past few years."

Vancouver MLA Spencer Herbert Ontario has an anonymous phone line for people to report attacks.

"I believe the provincial government needs to take action, not only in the West End, but across B.C.," Herbert said.

Official wants online audio park meetings

CIVICS The Vancouver Park Board should post audio of all its meetings online, according to a Vision park commissioner.

Sarah Blyth's motion also calls for Park Board staff to explore using other social media tools like Facebook and Twitter when organizing and advertising community consultation plans.

"The ability to use web 2.0 tools to engage the community will open the Park Board's consultations up to a younger generation that is more comfortable online," said Blyth. "Ultimately we want to bring the board into the 21st century."

She added that a lot of people have told her they would like to listen to Park Board meetings, but aren't able to make it to the offices in Stanley Park.

"Provided the cost isn't prohibitive, this is a great opportunity for the Park Board to take a proactive step in ensuring our actions are more open and transparent," Blyth said.

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Online video

- All city council meetings are recorded and posted in streaming video format on the City of Vancouver's website. The Park Board already records the audio of all meetings, but does not post the recordings online.

VANOC short 7,500 Olympic volunteers

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

OLYMPICS An entire women's hockey team, Afro-Brazilian martial artists and dancers of all varieties are among the 3,200 people who've already applied to volunteer at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Vancouver Olympics.

And VANOC is still looking for more applicants — about 7,500 to be exact. Games' organizers want a pool of about 10,000 applicants to choose from.

David Atkins, executive producer of the opening and closing ceremonies, said the sooner people apply, the sooner they'll learn if they are being offered an audition.

"We need performers to bring our mass choreography to life on the floor of B.C. Place," Atkins said. "But, just as importantly, we need performance volunteers to act as athlete marshals, placard bearers to lead countries into the stadium and audience leaders who'll help spectators participate in the show."

Of the people who applied, only 23 per cent are men. Statistically, this means male applicants have a greater chance of being selected.

Auditions start on May 1 and volunteers must be 17 or older on that date to qualify.

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Outside B.C.

- Ontario has the greatest number of applicants at four per cent, followed by Alberta at two per cent.

News in brief

RESCUE North Shore Rescue was called to Bowen Island to help three radio tower technicians trapped coming off of Mt. Gardner yesterday afternoon.

CORPSE Investigators are still working to identify the body of a man in his late 50s found in the waters off Steveston Jetty.

NURSING The B.C. Nurses Union say some of is members treating victims of gang violence are worried for their safety, news1130.com reports. New protocols are being put in place due to the recent increase in gun violence, the union said.

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Fraudster must reimburse fire dept.

FINDINGS A Maple Ridge man who pleaded guilty to setting his car on fire and trying to collect the insurance money will have to reimburse the fire department.

Thomas James Fergusson told ICBC on March 8 of last year that his Ford Focus was stolen and set on fire. The vehicle was valued at about $4,600.

Investigators found the man's story suspicious and, just a few weeks later, Fergusson confessed.

"It's a unique penalty and one tailor-made for the offence."
Steven Tripp, ICBC special investigations

A B.C. Provincial Court judge ordered him to pay the Chilliwack Fire Department $960, a portion of the estimated $3,000 the blaze cost in firefighters time and resources.

"We believe it's one of the first times an ICBC customer has been ordered to pay restitution to emergency crews," Steven Tripp, manager of ICBC's special investigation unit, said yesterday. "It's a unique penalty and one tailor-made for the offence."

Fergusson was also sentenced to 12 months probation and 100 hours of community service.

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Planetarium goes old school

ASTRONOMY The tough economy has forced staff at the planetarium to turn to one of the early star gazers for help.

The H.R. MacMillan Space Centre and three other Canadian planetariums have pooled their resources to develop a unique planetarium show titled Galileo Live!

The production, which celebrates the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first use of the telescope, is a blend of live theatre and 360-degree visuals.

The nationally funded show takes the audience back 400 years to meet the great Italian scientist — portrayed by an actor — who will guide them on a live tour through his discoveries with the telescope. Rob Appleton, Space Centre executive director, said pooling resources with other planetariums led to a higher-quality show.

Galileo Live! opens this Saturday at 7 p.m. and runs until June 20.

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Heritage minister criticizes CBC
Federal Heritage Minister James Moore used a Sunday interview to criticize the amount of U.S. programming on CBC. "I don't like it when I see the CBC cancelling Canadian content, and we see Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune," Moore said. REUTERS

Canada

Man in Ontario sues over $42.9M jackpot

For five minutes, Paul Kusznirewicz thought he was a multimillionaire.

A new house. A new car. College funds for the kids and their kids and their kids. All of his dreams were going to come true.

It was Dec. 8 at the Georgian Downs casino, in Innisfil, Ont.

The 55-year-old sat stupefied, gawking first at the Buccaneer slot machine — Jackpot! You've won $42.9 million — then at his equally stunned wife.

"It was saying on the machine 'Call attendant. You have won a jackpot of over $42 million.'"
Paul Kusznirewicz

"The lights and the sounds. It was saying on the machine 'Call attendant. You have won a jackpot of over $42 million,'" he said. "I couldn't believe it."

Casino personnel rushed to the slots — two supervisors, security and several mechanics. They took pictures. A crowd began to gather. Finally, someone said: "We can't pay you that money because that machine is broken."

But as compensation, Kusznirewicz was offered four coupons for the casino's dinner buffet.

Yesterday, just before 1 p.m., Kusznirewicz's lawyer served the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation with legal papers. Kusznirewicz believes he should be compensated.

OLG has countered that the maximum payout for the Buccaneer slot game is $9,025.

"It clearly malfunctioned," said spokesperson Allison Sparkes. "Each machine has a posted sign that says malfunction voids all pays and plays."

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Debate can wait, MacKay says

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HELICOPTER The time to re-evaluate helicopter use after the tragic accident off the coast of Newfoundland is later, said Defence Minister Peter MacKay yesterday in Halifax.

He said for now the government is focusing on mourning the 17 people who lost their lives.

"The short answer is no. At this point I don't believe there's anything that has been discovered," MacKay said when asked if he would be making changes to helicopter personnel deliveries. "But look, clearly there is going to be an investigation.

"At this point I don't believe there's anything that has been discovered."
Peter MacKay

"They have not yet recovered the wreckage of the Sikorsky aircraft, (but there will be an investigation into) not only the recovery, but ... what was the cause."

Of the 16 passengers and two crew personnel, only one person was found alive and he remains in critical but stable condition.

Economic tale of two provinces

REPORT The rural province of Saskatchewan will have the strongest economic performance in Canada this year and the industrialized province of Ontario will be hardest hit by global recession and financial market turmoil, reports from two Canadian banks said yesterday.

Toronto-Dominion Bank and Bank of Nova Scotia both expect broad economic weakness across the country, pushing the overall economy to contract 2.4 per cent in 2009.

Scotia forecast the Saskatchewan economy will not grow, but will not contract either.

TD and Scotia expect the steepest slowdowns to come in Ontario and Quebec, where manufacturing is critical to economic health. Ontario, the country's most populous province, is expected to contract for a second straight year. REUTERS

Toronto **Funeral for a soldier**

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Soldiers carry the casket of Trooper Marc Diab yesterday at a Toronto church. Roughly 1,000 people attended the funeral for Diab, who was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near an armoured vehicle during a patrol in north-east of Kandahar City in Afghanistan on March 8, 2009.

News in brief

HOT TUB John Hoppe and his wife, Ashley, thought they were getting a hot tub included when they bought their first home together. When they moved into their Deer Ridge, Alta., home in late January, the hot tub wasn't there due to a mistake made by their realtor Ed Belanger. The previous owners had taken it with them because it was put in the wrong section of the contract. Even though the real estate business is far from booming these days, Belanger decided to rectify his mistake by buying the couple a hot tub out of his own pocket.

FINE A man from Hay River, NWT, was fined $1,500 yesterday for leaving his golden retriever in a hot car for 2½ hours in Edmonton in June 2006. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Ethnic stat collecting causes furor

French President Nicholas Sarkozy has caused an uproar with plans to collect statistics on ethnic origins to help minorities. "The controversy shows we're not at peace with our identity," said Francois Heran, director of the National Institute of Demographic Studies. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

World

Robot hits catwalk

From IT labs to photo grabs, a Japanese humanoid robot will soon be strutting her hardware and software on the fashion catwalk. The sleek HRP-4C runs on battery-powered motors located in her body and face, allowing the expressions, gait and poses of a supermodel, but on a stormtrooper-like silver-and-black frame. REUTERS

News in brief

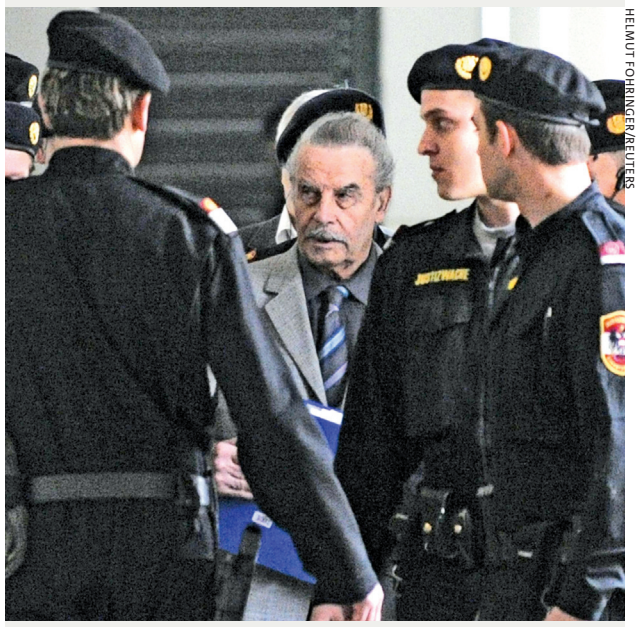
MILITARY Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday that Russia would rearm its military and boost its nuclear forces in spite of the raging economic crisis because U.S.-led NATO is expanding toward its borders.

PLANNING China has approved a "modern redesign" of Tibet's remote and mountainous capital Lhasa, state media said yesterday, including a limit on its downtown population.

PAKISTAN The Pakistani government will restore democracy quickly in its biggest and politically most important province as part of reconciliation efforts, Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said yesterday.

UKRAINE Radiation has affected animals living near the site of Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear disaster far more than was previously thought, a study showed, challenging beliefs that local wildlife was on the rebound. REUTERS

Austria **Grim charges**



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Defendant Josef Fritzl arrives for his trial in Sankt Poelten, Austria, yesterday. Fritzl, a 73-year-old Austrian who locked his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children with her, pleaded guilty to incest but denied murdering a newborn son who died underground.

Pope: Condoms not solution to AIDS crisis

Pontiff reaffirms opposition during African visit

Pope Benedict yesterday reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's opposition to the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS as he started a visit to Africa, where more than 25 million people have died from the disease in recent decades.

The Pope, who arrived to a tumultuous welcome in the capital of Cameroon, also said the continent's people were suffering disproportionately due to the global challenges of food shortages, financial crises and climate change.

"It (AIDS) cannot be overcome by the distribution of condoms. On the contrary, they increase the problem," he said in response to a question about the church's widely contested position against the use of condoms.

His words were some of his most explicit on the use of condoms to stop the spread of AIDS since his election in 2005.

The church teaches that fidelity within heterosexual marriage, chastity and abstinence are the best ways to stop AIDS. It does not approve condoms but some church leaders have been calling for allowing their use in rare cases between married heterosexual couples where one partner has the disease.

With the number of practising Catholics dwindling in the developed world, Africa is seen as vital to the church's future, but the relationship is not without controversy. REUTERS

In America ...

- With a large poor and minority population, Washington, D.C., has struggled with HIV for decades. A recent report showed the number of people with HIV infections rose 22 per cent from 2006 to 2007.

Stray dogs kill boy, maim tourist in Italy
Stray dogs maimed a German tourist in a Sicilian town yesterday, two days after killing a 10-year-old boy in the same area. Stray dogs are common in southern Italy, and local authorities believe this particular pack is attacking people out of hunger. REUTERS

Opposition takes over in Madagascar

POLITICS Madagascar's President Marc Ravalomanana handed power to the armed forces yesterday, paving the way for an opposition takeover after a months-long power struggle on the Indian Ocean island.

"I have decided to dissolve the government and transfer power so that a military government can be put in place."
President Marc Ravalomanana

"After right reflection, I have decided to dissolve the government and transfer power so that a military government can be put in place," Ravalomanana said in a statement on national radio at the end of his seven-year rule.

Despite concerns from abroad that he should have gone to the ballot box, opposition leader Andry Rajoelina appeared to have sufficient domestic support to consolidate power on the huge, mineral-rich island off the coast of southeast Africa.

Rajoelina, whose street protests since the start of 2009 bulldozed the president into stepping down, immediately assumed authority, marching into Ravalomanana's city-centre offices. REUTERS

UN court cuts jail term of Bosnian Serb leader

JUSTICE The UN criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia reduced the jail sentence of Bosnian Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik from 27 to 20 years yesterday, quashing some convictions from a 2006 judgement.

The appeal hearing threw out convictions for murder, extermination and persecution against the former Bosnian Serb parliamentary speaker, arising from the 1992-95 Bosnia war during the breakup of the former Yugoslavia.

But it upheld convictions for deportation and forcible transfer against Krajisnik, who was arrested and transferred to the tribunal in April 2000. REUTERS

Sub studies rising seas

Data to help understanding of melting ice

A robot submarine has found clues to rising world sea levels by making trips deep beneath an ice shelf in Antarctica, scientists said yesterday.

The seven-metre submarine was making the first inspection of the underside of the shelf off the Pine Island glacier in a U.S.-British mission.

World sea levels would rise by about five metres if the ice of West Antarctica, including the Pine Island glacier, melted, said Stan Jacobs, the U.S. lead scientist from Columbia University. Experts fear global warming could trigger a thaw.

Making six trips up to 70 kilometres into the cavity, once surviving a collision with ice, the battery-powered Autosub took sonar measurements of the ice and studied the salinity of the water as part of a 53-day research cruise this year. REUTERS

Cybersquatting hit record in '08

ONLINE Companies and celebrities ranging from the Arsenal football club to actress Scarlett Johansson filed a record number of "cybersquatting" cases in 2008 to stop others from profiting from their famous names, brands and events, a United Nations agency said on Sunday.

The most common business sector in which complaints arose was pharmaceuticals, due to websites offering sales of medicines with protected names. Other top sectors for complaints included finance, retail and food. REUTERS

Cases

- The World Intellectual Property Organization handled 2,329 cases under its dispute procedure for Internet page names.

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Dumb as a dinosaur

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Meet Hesperonychus elizabethae, the smallest dinosaur ever to stalk the Jurassic jungles of North America.

Hesperonychus lived 75 million years ago, weighed about two kilograms and stood about 50 centimetres tall. He was the equivalent of a prehistoric chicken, complete with feathers.

Only much nastier.

Hesperonychus was a tiny, perfect relative of the Velociraptor, the ferocious thug featured in the Jurassic Park movies, and came equipped with its cousin's sharp claws and teeth. You wouldn't want to run into a flock of these dino-mites.

Hesperonychus was discovered by Canadian Nick Longrich, a paleontologist at the University of Calgary, who did his field work by rummaging around in a drawer.

Apparently the little dino's bones had been dug up in 1982, but no one took a close look at the little hip bone in question until 2007, when Longrich acted on a hunch.

Previous paleontologists had taken a pass, believing it to be from a juvenile of a known species, but Longrich noted discoveries of small dinos in Asia and wondered why no one had found their North American relatives.

Like, um, a dog with a bone, he deduced that it represented a whole new species.

A very Canadian discovery, this.

A four-pound prehistoric chicken discovered at the back of a drawer in a university lab.

What's so important about this fierce, but fortunately extinct, little beast?

Well, it begins to paint a more complete picture of the Jurassic ecology; it tells us more about the ancestors of our feathered friends, and it reminds us that big things come in small packages.

Longrich himself sees an object lesson — Hesperonychus avoided detection, even if it was right under our noses all this time, because of something he calls "collecting bias" — paleontologists are human too, so they spend most of their time looking for T-Rex and have a tendency to ignore such tiny treasures.

It takes a Canadian sensibility, I guess, to think small enough.

I hate to end this on a depressing note, but of course this discovery has prompted the people who learned their natural history studying the Flintstones to state with conviction that Hesperonychus could not be 75 million years old because, as any idiot knows, God created the world only 6,013 years ago, and it took him seven days to do it.

It's hard to believe that such stupidity and lucidity can co-exist at the same time in the same nation, but that's evolution for you.

I remain confident that natural selection will take care of the former, and advance the latter.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Online Chatter

Is this old-fashioned approach still valid?

Re: Milk-bag mats for Third World countries (March 15)

We are uncertain as to the real environmental and ethical costs of this venture.

Recycling is definitely important; however, sending our recycled materials thousands of kilometres overseas does nothing to help sustain the environment, and milk-bag mats simply give us a reason to continue to over-consume plastic.

From an ethical point of view, is it right to send our waste that we don't want to others?

Plastic bags do exist in Third World countries, but proper mats and teddy bears are scarce.

This seems to be a fairly ignorant attempt to solve a problem without fully understanding the real situation. **Comments by username: huh**

twitter

Re: George W. Bush's visit to Canada

I think people are hoping something will happen to Bush while he's here, but Calgary's too sleepy to actually try anything.

Tweet by ideagrrrl @metrocalgary

Re: George W. Bush's visit to Canada

It was bad form to only allow a few elites to hear the talk. All of Calgary could have benefited from the discussion.

Tweet by muunkky @metrocalgary

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Word on the street: What outdoor activity do you most look forward to once the weather warms up?

Charlie Bulley
age 31, Vancouver
A: I can't wait for Kits beach and the second beach swimming pool to open in English Bay.

John Crouch
age 22, Toronto
A: Going to the pool at the Four Seasons and go-karting at the Docks.

Ivy Hu
age 25 , Vancouver
A: We like to have a picnic in Stanley Park with friends and enjoy the beautiful scenery and share stories.

Natia Wong
age 18, Calgary
A: Soccer. I've always been into the sport.

Andrew Black
age 22, Halifax
A: I'm looking forward to hiking and camping again. I just don't like pavement.

Luciana Santos
age 31, Vancouver
A: I like to go the English Bay to do my exercise or meet friends and enjoy the sunshine.

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Italian porn star strips in Milan stock exchange protest
An Italian pornographic actress stripped down to her panties at the Milan stock exchange yesterday to protest against the financial crisis, police said. "Italy is down to its underpants," Laura Perego, 22, shouted before being taken away. REUTERS

Business

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Loans linked to looks?

Trustworthy appearance key to borrowing: Study

A credit score can tell a lender a lot about a prospective borrower, but so can the borrower's looks, a new study says.

People perceived to be trustworthy are more likely to have a higher credit score and pay lower interest rates on loans, and are less likely to default, according to the study by Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Even when hard facts such as credit scores are available, people rely on an assessment of trustworthiness to decide whether to make a loan.

Prejudices

- To make sure the evaluators' prejudices did not skew the results, researchers controlled for race, age, gender, obesity, attractiveness and education, as well as financial factors like income.

Researchers studied members of Prosper.com, an online lending site where people looking for loans are matched up with individual lenders.

A team of 25 people was hired to rate the Prosper.com loan applicants' trustworthiness on a scale of one to five using only the photographs of the borrowers.

Those judged trustworthy were more likely to get a loan from Prosper.com lenders and tended to have a credit score about 20 points higher than those determined to be untrustworthy. REUTERS

Business in brief

U.S. Some members of Congress yesterday proposed slapping a surtax on bonuses paid to executives at AIG amid outrage over the large payouts. REUTERS

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Red Sox shortstop undergoes surgery

Boston Red Sox shortstop Julio Lugo will miss the next three-to-four weeks after undergoing successful right knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Brodeur passes Roy

Martin Brodeur, left, is now the NHL's all-time winningest netminder. Brodeur made 30 saves last night to help the New Jersey Devils defeat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2. The 36-year-old Brodeur notched the 552nd win of his illustrious career to surpass Patrick Roy for the most victories in league history. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks win 10th in a row at home

NHL RESULT

Stars 2 Canucks 4

DALLAS STARS VS VANCOUVER CANUCKS

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THE SKINNY: Ryan Kesler and Mats Sundin each scored a goal and added an assist as the Canucks doubled up on the Stars at the Garage. Daniel Sedin opened the scoring with his first goal in eleven games, while Steve Bernier's 15th of the year capped off Vancouver's fifteenth win in nineteen games. The Canucks are now tied for fourth in the West with Chicago, although the Blackhawks have one game in hand.

TIC, TAC, TOE: Tee? Not sure which cliché applies to the goal the Canucks scored to ice the game, but Bernier was on the business end of a beautiful goal off the rush that went one-touch from Kyle Wellwood to Kevin Bieksa to Mason Raymond and finally to Bernier.

THE KILL: Early in the third period, Vancouver killed off 46 seconds of a Stars 5-on-3 power play and refused to yield a goal on the ensuing 5-on-4. The Canucks were perfect on two opportunities with the man advantage.

THE RECORD: The victory was the 10th straight on home ice, a new franchise high. The Canucks are the first team in NHL history to lose nine straight at home and then immediately follow with 10 consecutive wins.

THE RATING: This one had it all: goals, saves, hits, flow and playoff intensity. 5 out of 5.

THE NEXT GAME: The Canucks host a desperate Blues crew tomorrow night before departing on a six-game road trip.

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Vancouver Canuck Shane O'Brien takes down Dallas Star James Neal in Vancouver last night. On right is Star Mike Modano. The Canucks won 4-2.

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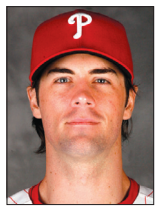
'Relatively good news,' for Phillies ace Hamels

BASEBALL World Series MVP Cole Hamels of the Philadelphia Phillies has no structural damage to his tender left elbow, but is not certain to start the season, the team said yesterday.

The 25-year-old pitcher, who flew home from the team's training camp in Florida, was diagnosed with inflammation in his pitching elbow and is set to resume training in two days.

"You want him to be up there and pitching," Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said on the team's website

"This is pretty much the scenario we thought going into this. It is relatively good news. Anytime you have to have some type of procedure there is some concern."



Cole Hamels

Hamels was 14-10 in 2008, but came alive in the postseason with a 4-0 record. The southpaw was named Most Valuable Player in both the National League Championship Series and the World Series.

Amaro said he was unsure if Hamels would be ready for the Phillies' opener on April 5 against the Atlanta Braves.

"He'll start for the Phillies at the Major League level when he's ready to start," he said. "If it's opening day, it's opening day."

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Washington at L.A. Clippers

Nadal keeps rolling
World No. 1 Rafael Nadal beat Russian Dmitry Tursunov to reach the fourth round at the ATP event in Indian Wells. REUTERS

Rockets forward shot

Houston Rockets forward Carl Landry was shot in the leg yesterday and is expected to miss between one and three weeks of play, the NBA team said in a statement.

Landry and a female passenger were driving southeast of downtown Houston at about 2:30 a.m. in Landry's sport utility vehicle when it was first sideswiped then struck by another car, said Houston Police Department spokesman Kese Smith.

Two men got out of the car and confronted Landry. One of the men twice fired a gun at the 25-year-old basketball player, Smith said. Landry was briefly chased by the men, but they gave up. Landry's passenger was unhurt.

"Carl was treated and released at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center for a surface wound in his left calf and a dislocated finger on his left hand," Rockets general manager Daryl Morey said in a statement. "We expect him to make a full recovery and return in one to three weeks," he added.

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Daryl Morey, Rockets GM

Landry is in his second season with the Rockets and played in Monday's night win over the New Orleans Hornets. Landry has averaged 9.3 points and 5 rebounds per game.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

BASEBALL Fourteen-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez seems set to sign with the Houston Astros after the World Baseball Classic. General manager Ed Wade told the team's website the deal was in the "discussion phase."

OLYMPICS Squash should be accepted into the 2016 Olympic program because the sport is economical to host, the president of squash's world governing body said. The International Olympic Committee will decide in October whether to introduce up to two new sports for the 2016 Games, with squash fighting for a spot.

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Ford Fiesta, Toyota iQ, and Volkswagen Golf VI have been named the finalists for the 2009 World Car Award. The top three entries for the World Car Design of the Year were Citroën C5 Sedan/C5 Tourer, Fiat 500, and Jaguar XF. The winners will be named at the New York International Auto Show April 9. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Heading out on hybrid highway

Honda Insight Hybrid takes the next giant step in environmentally-friendly vehicles

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Honda has passed the next great milestone on the road to a greener future with the 2010 Insight Hybrid.

Smaller than a Honda Civic, the Insight five-door hatchback seats five adults, has a flat cargo floor with the back seat folded and can travel up to 640 kilometre on one 40-litre tank of gas.

The Insight doesn't go on sale until Earth Day (April 22) and pricing has yet to be announced, but it will be "competitive" with its main rival, the Toyota Prius.

The heart of the Insight is its fifth generation IMA (Integrated Motor Assist) system that first bowed on the original two-seat Honda Insight a decade ago.

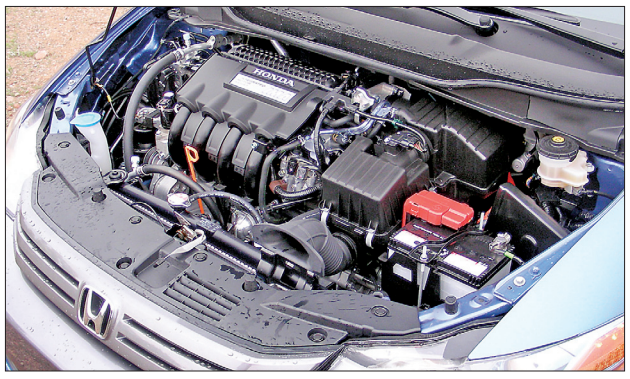
The 2010 Honda Insight Hybrid goes on sale April 22 (Earth Day) with seating for five adults and an estimated average combined fuel consumption of 4.7L/100 km or 60 mpg.

IMA uses energy stored in a battery pack to provide extra power to the engine when needed. What is different is the new IMA allows the Insight to run on pure battery power under certain low load conditions.

A 1.3-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine and a 10-kilowatt electric motor are the power source of the IMA system. Combined, they produce 98 hp and 123 lb/ft of torque. An ultra-thin brushless DC motor is located between the engine and the CVT transmission. During acceleration, the motor adds power. Under braking or gentle deceleration, it acts as a generator capturing kinetic energy to recharge the battery.

When you come to a stop, the engine turns off and the Insight runs on the battery. When you move off, the engine comes back on. Honda calls this Idle Stop.

The seven-module nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH) battery is composed of 84 D-size (1.2 volt) cells giving a total of 100.8 volts and a capacity of 5.7 ampere-hours. Because it has fewer than the 11 modules in the Civic Hybrid, Honda engineers were able to place it under the floor along with the Intelligent Power Unit (IPU) that controls the IMA system. Besides the battery pack, the IPU contains the power control unit (ECU) and electric control unit (ECU) along with the cooling system for the battery pack.



The Honda Insight Hybrid sports a 1.3-litre SOHC four-cylinder engine and a 10-kilowatt electric motor for a combined 98 hp and 123 lb/ft of torque provide power.

Despite its complexity, the Insight is straightforward to drive, but there are some interesting extras.

The layout of the instrument panel is like the Civic with an upper tier for the digital speed readout and a lower tier for the tachometre and fuel level. But on the upper level, the speed (shown in numerals) is backed by a colour band that is coloured blue when fuel is being used aggressively. It turns blue-green when the driving style is moderate and then green when fuel is being consumed efficiently. So, at a glance you can tell if you are being good or bad to the environment.

There will be two trim levels in Canada starting with the LX that features climate control, power locks/windows/doors, remote entry, cruise control and more.

The EX adds stability control, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted paddle shifters, Honda's navigation system with bilingual voice recognition and Bluetooth connectivity.

Unsaid at the unveiling of the Insight was the sense Honda is turning its attention to positioning itself as the "affordable" green car company as the slightly larger Civic Hybrid will continue to be sold on the same showroom floor.

And with the 2010 Insight, Honda has made a great first step in that direction.

2010 Honda Insight

Type: Compact hybrid hatchback
Price: N/A
Engine: 1.3-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder engine and 10 kilowatt electric motor (98 hp, 123 lb/ft)
Drive method: front-engine, front-wheel drive
Fuel economy: (Estimated) 4.8/4.5/4.7L/100 km (58/62/60 mpg) city/highway/combined

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Changing your own oil can be simple and help save money

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Changing your oil at home can be simple and is a great way to save money.

Safety First

- Every vehicle is different, so always follow the vehicle's owner's manual.
- Prepare your tools and supplies before you begin
- Watch out for hazards in and around your workspace and always wear safety glasses, a dust mask and latex gloves.
- Use the correct tools — substituting items can compromise your safety or your vehicle's performance.
- If the job requires specialized knowledge beyond your abilities, seek the assistance of a parts pro, professional mechanic or installer.

Step 1

Make sure the engine is cooled completely before you begin.

Step 2

Pour gunk engine flush into the crankcase (where you pour the oil in). This flush will help remove gum, varnish and sludge from the engine compartment.

Step 3

Run the vehicle at idle for five minutes. Do not drive the vehicle with the gunk engine flush in.

Step 4

Loosen the drain plug. Put the drain pan under the drain plug.

Step 5

Once all the oil has drained, place your new sure drain plug into the oil pan and twist on the protective dust cap. The next time you change your oil you won't have to remove the drain plug; you'll only have to attach a drain hose.

Tip: If you're using the old drain plug, remember to install a new drain plug gasket. This will prevent leaks.

Step 6

Now put the drain pan under the oil filter. Remove the oil filter with your oil filter wrench.

Step 7

Install the new oil filter, tightening according to specs. (See your parts pro if you need specs.)

Step 8

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Having fun with potholes

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"Pothole spawning season" usually starts in late February and extends to the beginning of May.

It was a dark and stormy night. It was raining so hard everyone had to have their wipers on at top speed — even the pedestrians.

It was already hard to spot the potholes, but now that they were full of water, you couldn't tell what was just a puddle and what was a crater. Up ahead were two lurking potholes. To stay in my lane, I had to drive through at least one. I know I was going to pick the wrong one, just like I always pick the wrong line at McDonald's.

So I drive into this pothole and emerge about 11 minutes later.

OK, slight exaggeration, but it was big. Big enough that when the left front wheel dropped into it, and the suspension bottomed out with a big THUD, I yelled out some deity's name in vain.

Apparently, this was not the only pothole in the city of Toronto. Myles Currie, the city's director of transportation services, told me that in 2008 the city fixed 277,000 potholes. So far this year, it has already fixed about 75,000, almost 100 per cent more than for the same three-month period in 2008.

Currie "filled me in," pun intended, on some pothole fun facts.

The main contributor to how many potholes are created is the number of freeze-thaw cycles we get. When it's above freezing, melting snow and ice creeps into cracks to get below the road. Then when things freeze shortly after, the below-the-road water becomes ice, which expands and pushes up the asphalt. Then when vehicles drive over that pushed-up asphalt, it usually breaks, and voila, a pretty pothole.

"We've already had about 17 of those cycles this past winter, that's why we have such an increase in potholes over last year," said Currie. Normally, the peak time for freeze-thaw cycles starts in late February and extends to the beginning of May (a.k.a. pothole spawning season).

But this winter Toronto has been in juicy freeze-thaw mode since mid-December.

Because the city knew a bumper crop was coming, it increased the number of crews on daily pothole repair duty to 30 or 40 from last year's norm of about 15. A crew is made up of two or three workers.

The repair process is not complex.

"We do our best to sweep out any debris from the hole, then fill it in with hot asphalt, tamp it, then move on to the next one," Currie said. Forty crews can usually fix about 2,500 potholes a day, which works out to about $25 per repair.

So far, the city has already spent about $1 million to repair those 75,000 holes in 2009, and figures it spent $6.9 million to attend to those 277,000 holes that showed up in 2008.

If holes get really big, workers have to square it off, fill it in, and roll it.

"That's why we really want to hear from the public," Currie said. "Because our obvious preference is to get to these potholes when they're smaller."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Volvo extends DRIVe range

Volvo is extending its green DRIVe range after dramatically reducing CO2 levels and increasing fuel efficiency in seven models.

The full DRIVe range was unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show and will include the XC60 crossover, V70 and XC70 premium wagons and S80 executive sedan.

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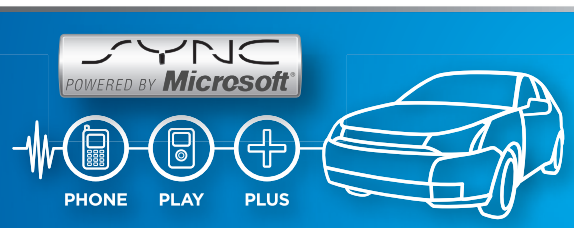

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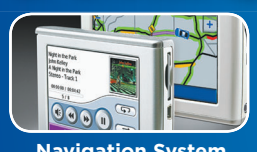
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The cheap seats

Increasing numbers of business travellers are foregoing executive-class seats and flying economy, especially in Europe, the International Air Transport Association said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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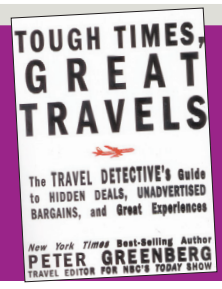

Armchair travel

If you think a vacation is out of reach this year, sit down and have a look at Tough Times, Great Travels (Rodale, $10.95) by Peter Greenberg. The author, who is the travel editor of NBC's Today Show, is confident that if you know the ins and outs of scoring travel deals, you'll be able to hit the beach even in the leanest of times. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A newly-married couple kisses on a beach in Jamaica.

Destination weddings: Right for a recession?

Coming up with a wedding budget — and managing to stick with it — can be a stress-fraught exercise in the best of times. So it's hardly an enviable task in a year when society's mantra has switched from spend to save.

But that doesn't mean couples need to shelve their dreams of getting married at sunrise on a perfect beach in the tropics. In fact, one of the most common arguments in favour of choosing a destination wedding — which is that going away to get married can actually cost far less than a celebration on your home turf — still seems to hold true.

A recent survey released by Bridal Guide magazine found that "almost 30 per cent of readers are planning or considering a destination wedding ... and the median number of invited guests per wedding is 43, with 25 per cent of respondents saying they estimate 75 or more guests will attend their destination wedding.

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Getting hitched in the birthplace of romance

House of Juliet to become wedding venue

The house where, according to William Shakespeare, Romeo wooed Juliet, is to be made available for weddings, reports BBC News Online.

The authorities in the Italian city of Verona — setting for the tale of the two lovers — say they want to foster its image as a centre for romance.

The Casa Di Giulietta, or House of Juliet, is in the heart of Verona.

Folklore suggests it was once the home of the Cappello family — possibly the model for the Capulets in Shakespeare's fictional play, Romeo and Juliet.

Although some historians say there is scant evidence to back this up, the balcony on the 14th century building is still one of the city's most popular tourist destinations.

From next month, you will be able to rent the House of Juliet as a venue for weddings.

But before you rush to this most romantic of settings consider the price — up to $1,600 for non European Union residents.

Officials say they want to enhance the city's image as the perfect place for love and marriage.

But remember two things: first, that Italian health and safety laws are likely to prevent modern day Romeos from climbing up the balcony to woo their brides; and second, that Shakespeare's immortal work ends in tragedy.

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Tourists visit the House of Juliet in Verona, Italy, a structure that's said to be the place where Romeo courted his lover. Juliet's fabled balcony is shown at upper left.

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A 'recession-proof market'

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CLAUS MIKOSCH

Destination weddings can cost couples less than holding a celebration on their home turf.

"While the bleak economy continues to take a bite out of the travel industry, the forecast for destination wedding travel is looking up," said the magazine.

Destination wedding spending grew more than 300 per cent from 2001 to 2006, according to the publication, and is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 14 per cent.

And one Caribbean hotel executive went so far as to tell USA Today that the destination wedding trade is "recession-proof."

"This is a recession-proof market," the newspaper quoted Donald Foste, group sales director for Occidental — a hotel chain with properties in Aruba and the Dominican Republic — as saying. "Brides are going to get married regardless of what's happening in the economy."

Certainly, destinations who want to attract wedding business are still pulling out the stops when it comes to marketing.

As one example, on March 29, a single destination, Jamaica, will hold its very own destination wedding show in New York City to attract couples and their guests — a bold step regardless of the economic climate.

These days, you can find plenty of wedding planners in almost any location you can think of, and major resorts are increasingly likely to have a wedding co-ordinator on staff as well as a variety of wedding packages.

But just as a frugal bride would try to look beyond a supplied vendor list were she to hold her big day closer to home, don't assume that the services a resort suggests are necessarily your only option.

With a bit of online digging — as well as looking into what suggestions the destination's tourist board can offer — you may well find you can cobble together services from an officiant to a florist for less than a resort would charge.

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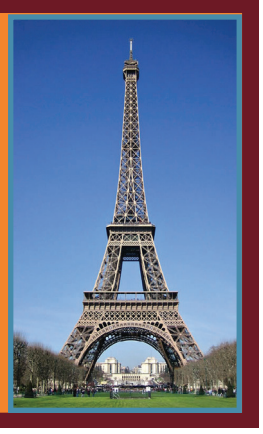

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Luxury hotel brand launched

Hilton moves forward with plans in spite of recession

Hilton Hotels launched its new luxury hotel brand Denizen yesterday, catering to "globally conscious modern travellers of the world."

The long-awaited announcement comes as luxury hotels and resorts have fallen out of favour during the deepening recession, as businesses look to cut back on extras and corporate travel planners shy away from frivolous spending.

"While we continue to operate in a challenging macro economic environment, the addition of Denizen Hotels demonstrates our commitment to continuing to invest in our long-term growth," Christopher Nassetta, Hilton's president and chief executive, said in a statement.

Hilton said the new brand "will be highlighted by exceptional design and service at an accessible price point," rounding out the company's Luxury & Lifestyle portfolio, including the Waldorf Astoria, the Waldorf Astoria Collection and Conrad Hotels & Resorts.

The company said Denizen developments are planned in cosmopolitan, urban cities as well as resort destinations.

Hilton said active negotiations are underway for developing projects in Abu Dhabi, Beverly Hills, Ca., Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Jerusalem, London, Mumbai and New York. REUTERS

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McGill student injured in lab explosion
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Expelled over MySpace?

Nina Yoder, a former nursing student at the Kentucky-based University of Louisville, is suing the institution, alleging that it violated her free-speech and due-process rights by expelling her over comments she wrote on MySpace about her patients, gun rights, and abortion. The university says Yoder violated its honour code by identifying herself as a student in "Internet postings regarding patient activities." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Loving partnership in both life and business

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Mixing love and business might seem risky but for one Toronto entrepreneurial couple, it's a winning combination.

A high school fashion show brought Justine Shoolman, 27, and Shehan Jinapriya, 29, together but a powerful bond of love and a shared ambition has kept them together, both as soul mates and business partners, for almost 11 years.

The couple launched Shine Dance Competitions in 2002 together to create a venue where individual dancers and dance groups could compete in a fair, organized and fun setting; this year marks Shine Dance's seventh season.

They have also just launched another business, Copyright Creators, to let artists protect their intellectual property in an easy, fast and cheap way online. The couple runs both businesses right out of their Toronto apartment, letting them spend plenty of quality time together and share every daily meal at their dining room table, which doubles as their boardroom table.

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Justine Shoolman, 27, and Shehan Jinapriya, 29, have learned to mix their relationship and their business for the last 11 years.

"We get twice the productivity working together. Any weaknesses I have, she compensates for and vice versa," Jinapriya said.

The couple says the key to their happy partnership is being able to separate their business personas from who they are as people.

"In our relationship we're both Type B people but in business we're both big Type As," Shoolman said.

Making "relationship time" has helped keep them close as well — the couple makes sure to go on dates regularly to keep the romance alive. Longer business trips frequently turn into mini-vacations: The couple recently spent a whole month in California alternating board room jaunts with sight-seeing together.

Times weren't always easy, however. Somewhere around the third or fourth year of their relationship, the going got rough as the pressures of running a business got in the way of their love.

"We started to not like each other — we were always in business mode. We had to figure out there were two relationships, a business and a personal one, and keeping them separate is important," Shoolman said.

The couple says learning to treat each other with respect, even when they disagree, and being able to lean on each other during tough times has been the secret to staying together both in love and business.

"Always apologize when you're wrong and let go of what's happened in the past. You really have to support each other," Jinapriya said.

As for the future, wedding bells are finally in order as the couple plans to marry next June in Mexico. The exchange of vows will put a cap on a fairy-tale relationship that seems to continually beat all the odds.

"Even to this day, I'm amazed we're able to do it all and both have so much fun," Jinapriya said.

Tips for biz

Justine Shoolman and Shehan Jinapriya's tips for a happy melding of marriage and business:

- Keep your work and relationship time separate.
- Never stop treating each other with respect.
- Find out what each other's strengths are and then let each other take command of that aspect of the business.
- Make time to love each other and do things couples do, like going on dates.
- Always remember what draws you to each other: "I love how loving she is — that's something I aspire to as well," Jinapriya said. "His passion is unbelievable — it's very inspiring," Shoolman said.

One-in-five late to work once a week

RESPONSIBILITY Does your morning routine typically include hitting the snooze button and scrambling to get out the door? A recent CareerBuilder.com survey found that 20 per cent of workers said they arrive late to work at least once a week, up from 15 per cent in last year's survey. One-in-ten (12 per cent) said they are late at least twice a week.

Actual reasons for coming in late vary from worker to worker, but traffic was the main culprit with one-third (33 per cent) while nearly a quarter (24 per cent) said lack of sleep and 10 per cent said getting their kids ready for school or day care was the main reason. Other common reasons included public transportation, wardrobe issues or dealing with pets.

"While some employers tend to be more lenient with worker punctuality, 30 per cent say they have terminated an employee for being late," said Rosemary Haefner, of CareerBuilder.com. "Workers need to understand their company's policies on tardiness."

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Makeup: From beautiful to grotesque

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Movie monsters and beautiful people share an important thing — they both need talented make-up artists to help them look their best.

With many people leaving their old careers in the struggling economy, some people are realizing they can turn their lipstick dreams and artistic imaginations into a lucrative career as a professional make-up artist.

Pamela Earle, president and owner of the Complections International Academy of Make-up Artistry in Toronto, says demand to get into the school hasn't been this fervent for a very long time.

Unlike cosmetology schools, which focus on retail-level skills in things like nail care, skin care or hair removal, Complections is solely centred on having students master makeup in all its artistic applications.

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Left: Pamela Earle, president and owner of Complections, holds a prosthetic mask. Right: Instructor Neil Morrill works on a face.

At Complections, students don't just learn to apply traditional fashion makeup — they build moustaches and beards from scratch, create terrifying movie-monster prosthetic masks and learn to transform an actor to look 50 years older using make-up. The emphasis, Earle says, is to train students in a much wider range of makeup skills in demand across multiple industries, ensuring a better chance for employment and nurturing career-building talent.

"We're sort of an art school as well as a makeup school — it's all about being creative and there is plenty of work out there," Earle said.

With primary programs ranging from 14 to 32 weeks in length, students can stick to mastering the traditional fashion/glamour makeup needed on runways, music videos and commercials around the world or opt to go the extra mile and expand their skills to include makeup for film and television, studio hairstyling, special effects, prosthetics and even creature design.

On an average day you might catch a group of zombies with gaping head wounds heading out the doors of the school to grab a quick lunch, or see a bevy of runway-ready beauties getting worked on in the fashion studio.

If you think you've got an eye for what makes things beautiful (or grotesque), visit complectionsmake-up.com.

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Regarded as the "front door" to the University of Saskatchewan, the 30-year-old Place Riel Student Centre is the focus of a $34-million renovation project. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Privacy is a delicate balance

WorkplaceLaw

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What happens when employee privacy rights collide with an employer's right to monitor its workplace? As the London, Ontario offices of Cornerstone Properties recently discovered, an employer must tread carefully or risk inadvertently dismissing its own employees.

After working for seven years without incident, Coleen Colwell trusted her employer. She had been promoted to manager and was given her own private office at the company's workplace. However, her trust was dashed when she suddenly learned that a secret surveillance camera had been installed in the ceiling of her office.

Colwell immediately had the camera removed. In the course of investigating how it got there, she learned that it had been surreptitiously installed by her boss, Trent Krauel. He explained to Colwell that it was the only secret camera in the office and had been put there after he suspected that some of the maintenance staff had been stealing from the store. Krauel told Colwell that he didn't think that she was involved in the thefts and that the camera had not been working properly anyway. He was sorry that Colwell was upset but did not think there was a need to offer an apology. Instead, he felt he had the "right" to secretly install the camera.

Colwell didn't believe Krauel, and his unremorseful explanation made matters worse. She knew that no thefts had ever taken place from her office and questioned why the camera's presence had been kept from her, since she was the individual responsible for the maintenance staff, not Krauel.

Colwell felt violated and refused to continue to work as long as Krauel was her boss. She saw her doctor for stress and was prescribed sedative drugs.

Any type of spying on employees can be a tricky situation in the court room.

After speaking with her lawyer, Colwell told the company that she treated the incident as a breach of contract and would be leaving, but only with a severance package. When Cornerstone refused to negotiate, Colwell sued for constructive dismissal.

At trial, Colwell argued that the secret installation of the camera, Krauel's failure to apologize, and his declaration that it was his "right" to put the camera in her office without telling her first, all amounted to her constructive termination. Without even a credible explanation for his actions, she had no reasonable option but to leave, Colwell argued.

Cornerstone saw it differently, arguing that where there is a reasonable apprehension of employee abuse, a surveillance camera may be justified. But Colwell was not under suspicion, leading the judge to ponder what the true rationale behind the camera's installation was. When asked at trial why he withheld the camera's presence from Colwell, Krauel responded, of course, that it was because it was "secret."

Krauel's and Cornerstone's position didn't impress the judge, who found that a secret camera being installed in an employee's office without her knowledge, coupled with a "preposterous" explanation, amounted to Colwell's constructive dismissal. Without being able to trust her employer, she was entitled to severance upon her departure.

Courts are frequently asked to rule on the delicate balance between an employee's right to privacy and an employer's right to manage the workplace. While employers do retain the right to monitor their employees, that exercise must only be performed in good faith and where there is a reasonable belief that an offence is being committed. Otherwise, employers may find themselves on the wrong side of another lawsuit.

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Strategies on how to rebound from a layoff

EMPLOYMENT Many professionals have felt the shock of layoffs during these difficult times — including those who kept their jobs. According to administrative staffing firm OfficeTeam, employees who survive corporate downsizings often must manage heavier workloads and stay motivated while worrying that their jobs could be eliminated next.

"It's natural for people to have mixed feelings about keeping their jobs when coworkers have been let go," said OfficeTeam executive director Robert Hosking. "Layoff survivors often experience guilt about being the ones who stay while also working in an environment marked by uncertainty."

According to Hosking, professionals who are spared from layoffs should not pretend it's business as usual. "This is a time to work closely with your manager to ensure your workload reflects company priorities," he said. "Also, try to stay positive. This can be challenging, as losing good people inevitably affects morale, but the more you can do to lift the collective spirit, the better off you will be."

OfficeTeam offers these tips for rebounding after company layoffs:

Make yourself indispensable: Focus your efforts on projects that help boost your firm's bottom line. Take courses to learn skills that allow you to contribute in new ways.

Build visibility: In uncertain times, it's important to be noticed for the right reasons. Volunteer for projects that no one wants to tackle or that fall outside your job description. Also provide periodic reports updating your supervisor on your achievements.

Adapt to change: Managers appreciate employees who can roll with the punches and maintain productivity when faced with adversity. Demonstrate your ability to stay positive, motivated and focused on doing good work.

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Entertainment

The unsigned

Kirsten Dunst has not signed on for Spider-Man 4. Director Sam Raimi admitted the actress has not yet confirmed she will reprise her role as Mary Jane Watson in the super-hero franchise. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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The recession on tour

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When U2 put out an announcement about their North American tour recently, there was one detail in the press release that stood out: $30 tickets.

It's a move, the band's manager Paul McGuinness said, that was designed to "ensure that U2 fans can purchase a great priced ticket with a guaranteed great view."

While that's a welcomed gesture from thousands of followers who are struggling to make ends meet during this recession, it could have also be a way to make sure the band's tour will be a sold out event.

It's likely U2 would have sold plenty of tickets anyway, and many seats are either $55 or $85, but they're not the only act that seems nervous about touring during this major economic downturn.

"We're seeing plenty of reaction to the economy in terms of pricing, from layaway plans at the festivals to packaging of artists, to multi-tiered pricing," says Billboard Magazine's Ray Waddell.

So far, however, touring hasn't suffered. Waddell says this year looks "very solid" so far, as huge acts like Billy Joel, Taylor Swift and Nickelback are hitting the road. But, he cautions, "There will be some impact at some point from unemployment and fear."

While mainstream musicians such as Britney Spears might still bring in the big bucks, it's mid-range groups and even indie bands that could suffer.

Michael Hershfield, CEO of Toronto-based peer-to-peer ticket brokerage LiveStub, says more and more independent acts tour these days and that has saturated the market. "Because of that," he says, "when consumers' wallets are tight they're not going to go out as many nights as they used to."

"We're seeing plenty of reaction to the economy in terms of pricing." Ray Waddell, Billboard Magazine

"I haven't noticed anything yet," says Steven Himmelfarb, a booker who represents smaller acts like Tokyo Police Club. "All the cheaper ticket shows — $10 to $20 — I have not noticed any difference. There is a looming fear that might change instantly though."

Tickets for U2's upcoming tour are selling for as little as $30.

Riding the Recession

If touring acts aren't feeling the recession yet, some venues are. In Halifax the legendary Marquee Club — the place where Sloan got their start — closed down in January. "It has been vastly unprofitable," owner Victor Syperek told CBC News late last year.

Waddell thinks more venues could shutter their doors too. He points to Toad's Place, a famous venue in Virginia, as a sign that some clubs just can't beat the recession.

"There is no substitute for 'brand equity,' but love and history can't keep the doors open," he explains.

Clubs might be at risk, but it's the summer festival that could suffer the most. There's a real chance big name concerts like Chicago's Lollapalooza or Warped Tour could see sponsorship pulled as companies cut back on marketing, and ticket prices aren't cheap.

"Festivals are the most nervous," says Himmelfarb. "They've been cutting back, but because they're trying to build a brand, it's hard for them to a take a year off and ... duck the recession."

The Montreal Massacre is the subject of the new film Polytechnique.

Delicate subject on the big screen

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The 1989 Montreal Massacre left an indelible scar on Canadian history that won't be vanishing from the national conscious anytime soon. When such an event touches a country so deeply, it's almost inevitable that a movie will be made about the subject.

It's all too rare for filmmakers to find a way to film a true tragedy that works as a piece of cinema while still honouring the memory of the victims. Fortunately, Denis Villeneuve's Polytechnique is one of those rare films.

The reason it works can be attributed directly to the fact that everyone involved was very sensitive about the delicate subject matter they were exploring and ensured they weren't exploiting it in any way. An attitude started with producer and star Karine Vanasse.

"I initiated the project about four years ago when I was 21 for many different reasons that were probably unconscious at first," Vanasse tells Metro. "The fact that I'm the same age as most of the girls who died that day probably brought my attention to the events.

"Then I also met some of the victims' family members and was asked to read a text at one of the Dec. 6 ceremonies. When I met them I realized that maybe there was a point of view of the tragedy that hadn't been told before: What the students had to go through on that day."

The film examines the events of the 1989 massacre through two students attending Montreal's École Polytechnique — where Marc Lepine opened fire on a classroom targetting female engineering students.

In theatres

- Polytechnique opens in Vancouver this Friday.

Vanasse quickly found support for the project as well as a director who was perfect for the material.

"I proposed the film to producer Maxime Rémillard and he thought of Denis Villeneuve right away. Denis had been absent from feature films for many years … and we discovered that he wanted to wait until he had grown up a bit so that he could say something more with his films.

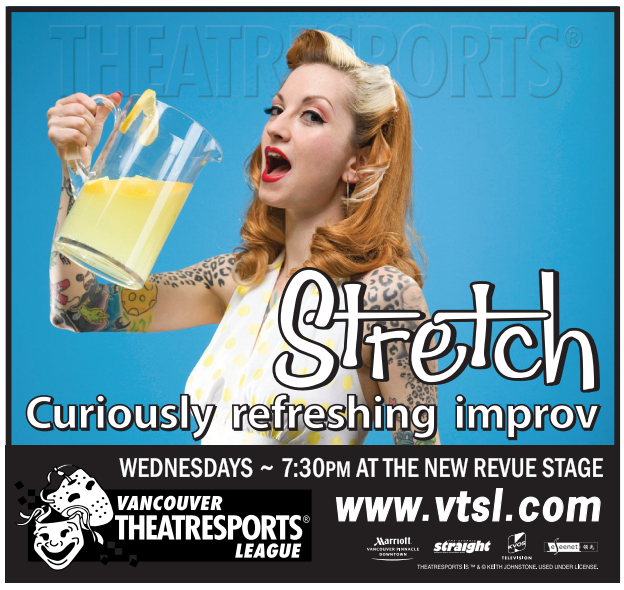
"I think it was the perfect time for him to take a delicate subject like this and try to give it his visual poetry while still saying something significant."

Of course the challenge of finding a director was nothing compared to the challenge of approaching the survivors and victims' families about the film. Fortunately, they seemed to recognize that the filmmakers' intentions were pure.

"Nobody was opposed to the film. At a certain point some of them didn't want to continue talking about it, but for the most part the reactions were fairly amazing …We felt sort of a release when they saw (the) film. They felt that they're story finally had been told and at last what they had to go through," said Vanasse.

Polytechnique might not offer the most pleasant viewing experience, but it's certainly a rewarding one.

"The movie is not an easy one, but I don't think it's overwhelming. It's difficult to take in, but I think it leaves you with something quite positive. People shouldn't be afraid of watching the film," Vanasse says.



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Rose Byrne has a date with destiny

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It's an interesting question: If you could find out the day you were going to die, would you want to know the answer?

It's also precisely the predicament the main characters in the new thriller Knowing stumble into when a mysterious time capsule is unearthed. But for one of the film's stars, Rose Byrne, the answer to that question isn't so cut and dry.

"When maybe, but not how," admitted the rising Australian star with a chuckle during a recent interview. "I don't want to know how."

For someone so willing to learn about her date with destiny, Byrne has taken a somewhat opposite stance with her career — opting to strategize how she'll succeed in showbiz without concern as to when it would happen.

As such, the 29-year old is finally coming into her own in Hollywood thanks to carefully-picked movies like Knowing (in theatres Friday) and hit TV show Damages — for which she earned a Golden Globe nomination. With 30 film and TV credits under her belt since she began acting in Sydney as a teen, she has been patient. So what has motivated her choices?

"Director, director, director. Someone who's a visionary and if I felt like (I was in) safe hands," said Byrne adding that she has also searched for intricate characters. "Anything that makes me curious is a good thing."

Byrne has put no restrictions on those choices either. Whether it's playing Brad Pitt's lover in a big Hollywood blockbuster like Troy or spending time in Halifax filming the independent dark comedy Just Buried.

"Australians are very proud," she admits, while quietly adding success at home can still be tenuous.

Rose Byrne stars in Knowing, which opens in theatres Friday.

Crowning the Next Great PM

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

The competition to be named Canada's Next Great Prime Minister has come down to the final four.

Alex Trebek will host a panel of former prime ministers Kim Campbell, Joe Clark, Paul Martin and Brian Mulroney on CBC TV tonight.

Along with the studio audience, they will decide who is named winner: Calgary's Amy Robichaud, Toronto's David Suk, Montreal's Gabriel Bran Lopez or Robert Marsh of Dartmouth, N.S. The four survived a political boot camp of media scrums, debates and mock Canada-U.S. conflicts to earn a spot in the final.

"Boot camp was an amazing experience," said Robichaud, who's in her fourth year studying political science and public administration at the University of Ottawa. "Brian Mulroney is a huge person — physically and intellectually. (The four) just exude leadership. It was intimidating, but also inspiring."

The 21-year-old loved the pressure of the competition. "There's no more noble calling than to represent the interests of the people," Robichaud said. She wasn't put off by the rougher side of politics. "I admire those individuals who have dedicated their lives to being dragged through the mud on behalf of Canadians."

Suk, a masters student in public policy at the University of Toronto, described it as "a ton of fun."

The 23-year-old praised the passion and optimism of his competitors. "We would spend a lot of time getting to know each other and become good friends, but then go back to the room for a debate, and the gloves would come off."

He was surprised at the intensity of the process. "I tend have a pretty steady keel under pressure, but I will admit that in this competition, the pressure got to me. It was tough."

PAUL COUVRETTE

From left, former prime ministers Brian Mulroney and Kim Campbell, host Alex Trebek, and former prime ministers Joe Clark and Paul Martin.

On TV

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Daly a new daddy

Carson Daly is a new dad, Usmagazine.com has confirmed. The Last Call with Carson Daly host, 35, and girlfriend Siri Pinter welcomed a baby boy named Jackson James Daly on Sunday. USMAGAZINE.COM

Outspoken designer silenced

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

One draped skirt too many got Vancouver designer Genevieve Graham sent home from Project Runway Canada last night.

Designers had to create a dress for top Canadian model Coco Rocha to wear to a red carpet event during New York fashion week.

The judges thought Graham's silky, gold and crème coloured dress was too demure and "safe" for a model of Rocha's stature to wear. While host Iman praised Graham as a strong designer, she also said the judges were tired of seeing the same draped-skirt designs from her, challenge after challenge, sending her home.

Graham, 31, believes the judges didn't necessarily understand her ideas and she feels proud to have stayed true to her own design vision on the show.

"The judges didn't get my style at all but I wasn't going to change what I do. I wasn't willing to compromise my work," she said.

Graham sparred verbally with judges in several episodes, often dismissing their criticisms outright, and her defensive attitude ultimately didn't endear her to them in the long run, something she's fine with.

"Fashion has a lot of personal preference — that's why I chose to take what the judges said with a grain of salt."
Genevieve Graham, Vancouver designer

"Fashion has a lot of personal preference — that's why I chose to take what the judges said with a grain of salt. I think they definitely have their aesthetic favourites," Graham said.

With her barbed, camera-ready denouncements of other designers' dresses and cocky attitude to her own designs, Graham didn't shy away from speaking her mind on the show. She clashed with several of the other designers, particularly Toronto designer Jeff Mackinnon who she took to task for lying about hand-stitching he had drawn on.

While Graham insists she's not the ice queen some people have made her out to be, she makes no apologies for sticking to her guns.

"I wish they had shown me smiling and laughing more because I do have a really soft side. But at the end of the day, I am really confident in my work. You have to be confident in this industry or you can't survive — it's really cutthroat," Graham said.

She feels doing the show was a great experience and gave her another stepping stone to traverse in the industry that she loves.

"I learned a lot about my skills and what I could and couldn't do. I have no regrets in my life — everything you do you learn from."

Genevieve Graham says Project Runway Canada showed her tough side and not her softer one, but still she has no regrets.

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- Project Runway Canada airs Tuesday nights on Global.

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critics' corner

Better Off Ted
Satire, they say, is what closes on Saturday night, but this sharp, funny new sitcom lights up Wednesdays with the misadventures of Ted (Jay Harrington), a nice guy thrust into dubious assignments by his overlords at Veridian Dynamics. In the premiere, Ted frets when his boss (Portia de Rossi, "Arrested Development") informs him he must persuade a brilliant research scientist (Jonathan Slavin) to be cryogenically frozen as part of an experiment. 8:30 PM on ABC

Criminal Minds
Hotchner (Thomas Gibson) revisits the very first case he ever worked with the Behavioral Analysis Unit as he and his colleagues travel to Boston on the trail of one of the most notorious serial killers in New England, who has struck again after a 10-year hiatus. C. Thomas Howell ("The Outsiders") guest stars in the new episode "Omnivore"; Joe Mantegna, Matthew Gray Gubler, Shemar Moore and Paget Brewster also star. 8 PM on CTV

Family Guy wins lawsuit over song

COURTS Creators of the television show Family Guy did not infringe copyright when they transformed the song When You Wish Upon a Star for comical use in an episode, a U.S. judge ruled Monday.

Music Publisher Bourne Co., the U.S. copyright owner of the song made famous in Walt Disney's Pinocchio, sued Fox Broadcasting Co., creator Seth MacFarlane and producers in October 2007 for copyright breach.

The lawsuit said the song I Need a Jew, featured in one of the animated show's episodes, was a thinly veiled copy of the music from When You Wish Upon a Star coupled with "new anti-Semitic lyrics" and had done damage to the original.

But U.S. District Judge Deborah Batts ruled that the lyrics and tone of the song used in Family Guy were "strikingly different."

Twilight director gets a new Ride

PEOPLE Having put her stamp on Twilight, director Catherine Hardwicke is in talks with Sony's Columbia Pictures to develop and direct a film adaptation of another young-adult fantasy series, Maximum Ride. The five-volume series by James Patterson chronicles six teens, known as the Flock, who are genetically altered so that they are part human and part bird. Learning to fly, they escape the laboratory and are pursued by a pack of creatures. REUTERS

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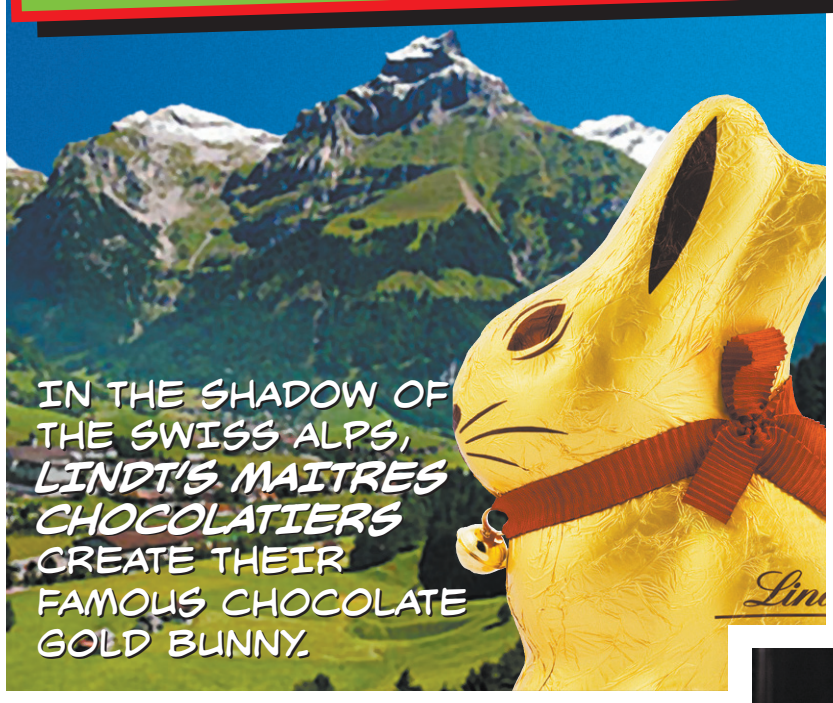

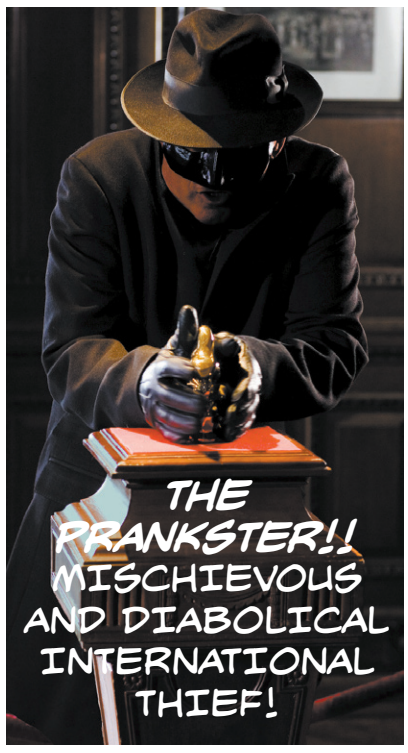

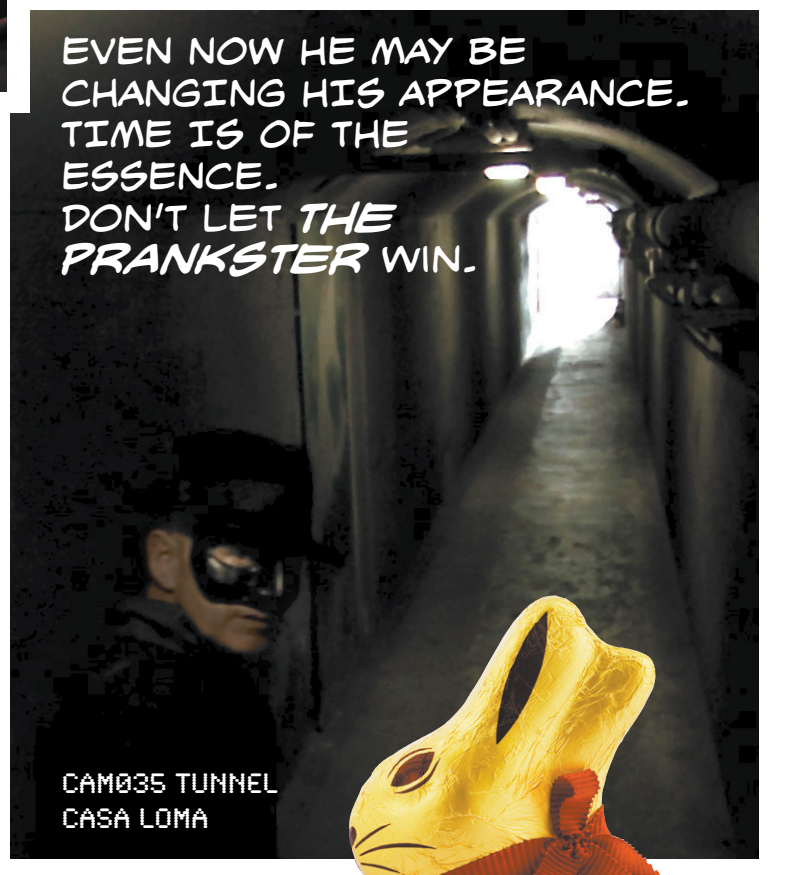

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Swift doesn't discuss sex

Taylor Swift has no problems talking about dating — and boys — but don't ask her about sex. "I think when you talk about virginity and sex publicly, people just automatically picture you naked," the 19-year-old singer tells Allure for its April issue. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse pleads not guilty

PEOPLE Amy Winehouse cracked her knuckles, adjusted her beehive — and to the delight of the 20 reporters in a London courtroom — spoke clearly from behind a clear plastic shield on the stand Tuesday morning, people.com reports.

Uttering only a few lines during a 15-minute hearing in the City of Westminster Magistrates Court, Winehouse proudly proclaimed her name as Amy Jade Civil — her married name. And, leaning forward to speak through a gap in the plastic, she pleaded "not guilty" when a charge of common assault against Sherene Flash was put to her.

The assault is alleged to have happened in September 2008 in Berkeley Square, London, at a high society ball.

Winehouse, 25, was dressed in a summery floral print, low-cut dress, which revealed her many tattoos and her bra strap, and four-inch pink stilettos. Asked at one point, as she fidgeted with her hair, if she was okay, she turned a security guard and said, "Me? I'm alright."

Watching the proceedings from a few feet away was her father Mitch and a minder, who had driven her down to the court from her new home in Barnet, north London. District judge and chief magistrate Timothy Workman set a trial date of July 23 and Winehouse was remanded on bail.

Leaving the hearing, the singer strutted and posed for the gathered photographers before being whisked away.

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Natasha's brain injury

ACCIDENT Actress Natasha Richardson, a member of Britain's Redgrave theatrical dynasty, was severely injured while skiing at a Canadian resort and was returned to New York yesterday with her husband, actor Liam Neeson, according to media reports.

The New York Post, New York Daily News and London's Evening Standard newspapers all said Richardson, 45, the daughter of the actress and activist Vanessa Redgrave, suffered a life-threatening brain injury. But the severity of her condition could not be confirmed as her British and U.S. representatives repeatedly declined comment.

Richardson was skiing at the Mont Tremblant resort, about 75 miles (120 km) north of Montreal, when she fell on Monday during a private skiing lesson. The resort said the actress appeared to be in good condition after the fall but later felt unwell. She was taken first to a local hospital and then to the Montreal hospital.

The Toronto Star said one of its reporters saw Richardson, wrapped in blankets and lying on a stretcher with Neeson nearby as she was placed in an ambulance outside Hopital du Sacre-Coeur where she had been taken. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. said Richardson left Canada on Tuesday afternoon on a private plane, accompanied by medical staff.

REUTERS

Zellweger's fans make her late

PEOPLE Renee Zellweger says her fans make her late, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Bridget Jones star admits she regularly keeps friends and colleagues waiting, but blames her poor time keeping on spending time with the public.

She said: "I have missed flights, missed ferries, missed taxi cabs and made my friends wait because of it. I'm learning to be better at it but I'll still feel bad if I can't stop to talk to someone."

Despite her tardiness, the 39-year-old actress feels obliged to speak to people on the streets because she doesn't want to let anybody down. She explained: "I hate to disappoint them, and I'm not very good at saying no."

Though she always manages to find the time to speak with her fans, Zellweger recently admitted she is too busy to settle down with a boyfriend.

She explained: "I'm not single, I'm busy. That's my line. The thing is, I'm away all the time. I suppose if I sat still long enough to get to know somebody beyond a dinner date, maybe. But I don't feel like my life is empty or that I have to make something happen. I have projects to develop."

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Goldstein suing jet company for damages

LEGAL DJ AM, Adam Goldstein, has taken a leaf out of mate Travis Barker's book in suing the company who owned the Learjet which almost became his fiery coffin last year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The two friends were travelling back to Los Angeles from South Carolina when the jet failed to clear a runway, crashed and burst into flames.

Although the pair survived the crash, their four friends weren't so lucky, and now the music men are determined to put things right in their memory, and gain some compensation for the third degree burns they both suffered.

In new legal papers, obtained by TMZ, Goldstein is calling for $10 million US in damages for medical bills, lost earnings and profits and other economic damages. He wants another $10 million US for mental and physical pain and suffering.

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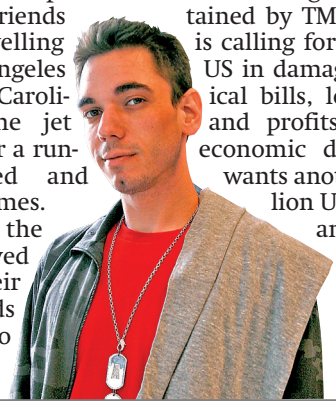

Surgery before Jackson show?

IMAGE Before Michael Jackson takes the stage this summer for his farewell shows at London's O2 Arena, he's allegedly making a stop at the doctor's office.

"Michael has consulted some of the world's best cosmetologists and surgeons in preparation for this comeback," writer Ian Halperin tells the Sun. Jackson's reps deny the claims, but then again they also say the only work he's ever had done is one nose job to help him breathe.

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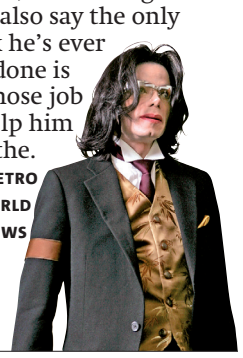

Kardashian defends Lohan

PEOPLE Kim Kardashian is coming to Lindsay Lohan's defense amid speculation that the troubled star is spiraling out of control — yet again, people.com reports.

Kardashian's concern follows a weekend for Lohan, 22, in which she was issued a short-lived arrest warrant and witnessed the arrival of police at girlfriend Samantha Ronson's home on Saturday after a loud disturbance at the home led to a broken window.

"It's so sad that there's such an invasion of privacy, with camera people, cops and paparazzi outside their home," Kardashian, 28, told People on Monday.

"I mean, when have you not thrown something when you're mad?" says Kardashian. "Everyone has to admit that at one time in their life, they've gotten so mad that they've thrown something, but maybe not necessarily breaking a window.

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Competition still on, says Tyra

CAREER After an New York City casting call for America's Next Top Model turned ugly Saturday as hundreds of hopefuls were caught in a stampede resulting in three arrests and six injuries, the show's host and executive producer Tyra Banks tells aspiring models that they will still have a chance to compete, usmagazine.com reports.

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Mayer Twitters about Jen

PEOPLE As he copes with another split from Jennifer Aniston, John Mayer has turned to Twitter to express his thoughts, usmagazine.com reports.

"This heart didn't come with instructions," he posted on Monday. Mayer's heart has been all over the place during his time with Aniston, 40: They broke up two times in 13 months.

In August 2008, they first called it quits. At the time Mayer blabbed about the split to paparazzi outside his NYC gym, stressing that he was the one who broke things off.

"I ended a relationship to be alone because I don't want to waste somebody's time if something's not right," he said.

They got back together and even attended the Oscars together last month, and recently split again.

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Madonna wants beau to diet

RELATIONSHIP Madonna is known for her strict approach to health and fitness, keeping her body in tip-top condition and now it seems she is keen for her toyboy lover Jesus Luz to follow the same approach, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is encouraging Luz to adopt a macrobiotics diet which bans all dairy, sugary treats and processed foods.

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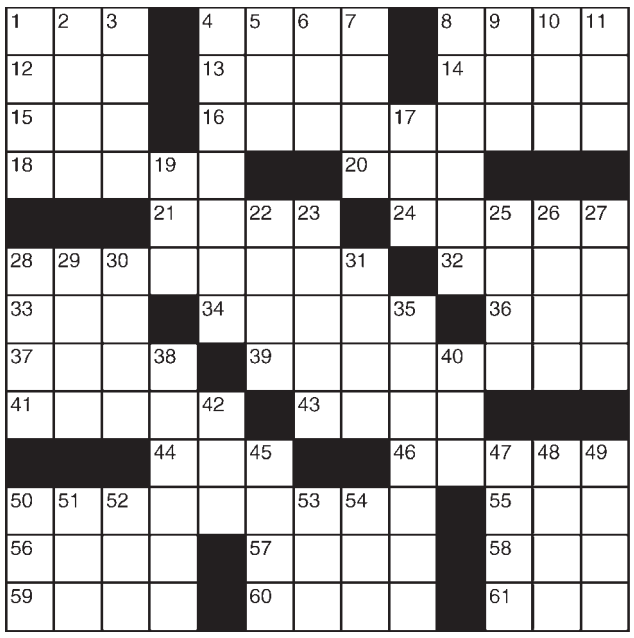

Crossword across

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8 Roosevelt successor
12 Omega preceder
13 Incite
14 Shrek, for one
15 Golfer Ernie
16 Classic Cadillac
18 "Unleaded" brew
20 Family
21 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
24 Turning point
28 Robin Hood's forest
32 Green land
33 Whammy
34 Some wrestling matches
36 Born
37 Bedouin
39 "Gran Torino" star
41 Minion of Satan
43 Approach
44 Existed
46 U-Haul competitor
50 Tinseltown
55 Water (Fr.)
56 Ontario neighbor
57 Florence's river
58 Pompous sort
59 Require
60 Verse
61 Allow

Crossword down

1 Mimicked
2 Last word in Gilligan's theme
3 Platter
4 Hearty laughs
5 It starts with "http:"
6 Time of your life?
7 Timid
8 Local, to a collegian
9 Past
10 To and —
11 Kennedy or Koppel
17 Gratuity
19 A cont.
22 Libertine
23 Typeface option
25 Provider of veritas
26 Sandwich treat
27 Prepared to drive
28 Roe source
29 Present
30 Physical
31 Tablespoonful or tablet
35 Fame, in 50-Across
38 Partook at kegling
40 Distort
42 Aye canceler
45 Trade
47 Option from Howie
48 Facility
49 Oxidation
50 Coop dweller
51 Raw rock
52 Falsehood
53 Plata's partner
54 Inseparable

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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4	5	6	7	3	2	8	1	9
2	9	1	8	5	6	3	4	7
6	3	2	5	4	8	9	7	1
5	8	9	1	6	7	2	3	4
1	4	7	2	9	3	5	8	6

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Blue Cheese-stuffed Burgers

INGREDIENTS:
3/4 lb (375 g) extra-lean ground beef
1 cup (250 ml) quick-cooking oats (uncooked)
2 tbsp (25 ml) ketchup
2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp (6 ml) black pepper
1/4 cup (50 ml) crumbled blue cheese
4 hamburger buns
Romaine lettuce leaves
1 firm-ripe tomato, sliced
1 small red onion, sliced

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler. Mix beef, oats, ketchup, mustard, and black pepper in large bowl until well blended. Divide into 8 equal pieces and flatten into thin patties.
2. Place 1 tbsp (15 mL) of crumbled cheese in the centre of each of 4 patties.
3. Top with remaining patties and pinch edges to seal.
4 Broil 4 inches from the heat until well done — 4 to 6 minutes per side. Serve burgers on buns with lettuce, tomato and red onion. **SERVES 4**

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A good-looking guy has to pay the piper. Your social choices are affected by work. A revelation is made during a reconciliation.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Somebody's desires are aroused by a chance remark. Don't reach for a secret too soon. Try not to wear out your welcome.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't let your dreams be threatened by the light of reality. You're aware of someone's uneasiness. Understand the spaces between friends.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll clash with an idiot. Prepare to be the life of the party. A passionate person will calmly break someone's heart.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone celebrates getting a generous reward. You could fall into a world of love. There'll be no time left for jagged nerves.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Some hills are too steep to climb. Say something before you leave. A problematical person forces unwanted changes.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Commitments are made and surprises arise. A friend makes a stand about emotional obstacles. Your situation becomes an inspiration.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Be sure you know what you're doing. A friend finds the time to see the truth. A car is nearly involved in an accident.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone finds something painful. Don't look down on a last chance meeting. A rough guy is bothering a bad-tempered person.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A man comes to you with his problems. Don't intimidate those who seek peace. An ailing friend says something stupid.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A cheater's anxiety attack makes you suspicious. A grouchy friend claims to have a great deal. A humble person is giddy with delight.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
An absent minded lover shows up too late to meet. Impossible things will occur. Keep quiet when a bully is near.

WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Self-satisfied goon (1)
2. Tubular pasta pact (2)
3. Enemy's plain writing (1)
4. One who secretes a black widow (2)
5. Refrigerates car radiator fronts (1)
6. Actress Foster's yes-men (2)
7. Lady of the night's brass instruments (2)

ANSWERS
1. SMUG THUG 2. ZITI TREATY 3. FOES PROSE 4. SPIDER HIDER 5. CHILLS GRILLES 6. JODIES TOADIES 7. STRUMPETS TRUMPETS

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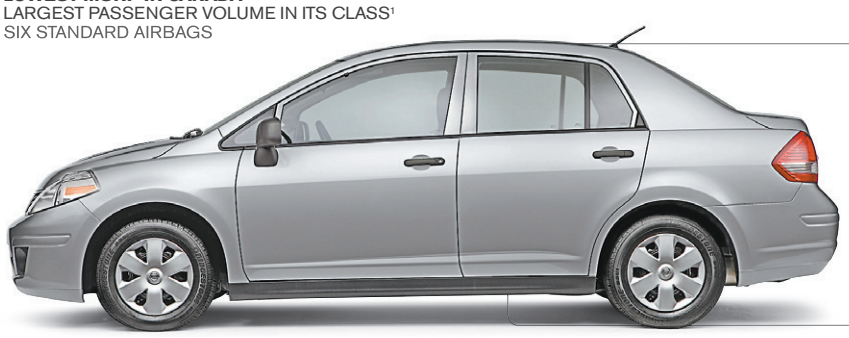

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